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IN RE APPLICATION OF  
**ROBERT TOWNSEND, ET AL**  
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**FOR: METHODS FOR REGULATING A LYMPHOCYTE-  
MEDIATED IMMUNE RESPONSE BY BLOCKING  
COSTIMULATORY SIGNALS AND BLOCKING FLA-1-  
MEDIATED ADHESION IN LYMPHOCYTES**

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

This Communication is submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 11, 2006, issued by the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. Submitted concurrently herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time for a period of three months, up to and including July 11, 2006.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of the paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.